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SUMMARY: PRESS CONFERENCE OF MINOR OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER
YANG (DUP) WENT LARGELY UNREPORTED IN KOREAN PRESS BECAUSE
OF FRANKNESS OF HIS COMMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. YANG IL-TONG, LEADER OF DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP)
KOREA'S SECOND (AND MINOR) OPPOSITION PARTY, MET PRESS
JANUARY 14 FOR NEW YEAR'S PRESS CONFERENCE. EVENT WAS REPORTED
ONLY SKETCHILY IN ROK PRESS BECAUSE MUCH OF WHAT YANG SAID WAS
TOO CRITICAL OF ROKG.

2. FIRST PORTION OF HIS CONFERENCE, AS REFLECTED IN WRITTEN
TEXT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED, DEALT WITH "DISCORD" BETWEEN
ROK AND U.S. YANG APPEALED TO ROKG TO REALIZE THAT
TENSION BETWEEN COUNTRIES IS CAUSED BY "OUR (ROK)
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GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES OF SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS
ANTI-DEMOCRATIC IMPROPRIETIES" AND TO UNDERTAKE "DETAILED
CHANGES OF POLICY" IN RESPONSE.

3. IN THE FIVE OTHER SECTIONS OF HIS TALK, YANG (A) URGED
REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURES AND RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY
AND HUMAN RIGHTS, (B) ADVOCATED STRENGTHENING OF DIPLOMACY

TOWARD THIRD WORLD (THIS WAS ONLY PART OF CONFERENCE TO APPEAR IN LOCAL PRESS), (C) CALLED FOR NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS UNDER OLD ELECTION LAW (THAT OBTAINING BEFORE OCTOBER 17, 1972), (D) CONDEMNED POLICIES HINDERING FREEDOM OF PRESS, AND (E) CALLED FOR CHANGES IN ECONOMIC POLICIES TO BENEFIT ALL CITIZENS MORE EVENLY. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, YANG STATED THAT "A SITUATION IN WHICH ONE PERSON HOLDS POWER FOREVER CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PEOPLE."

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: YANG'S STATEMENTS HAVE HAD LITTLE POLITICAL EFFECT, ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED SEPTTEL KIM CHI-HA'S MOTHER WAS PICKED UP FOR TWO DAYS QUESTIONING ABOUT DISTRIBUTING IT.
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